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AGREEMENTS BETWEEN INDIA AND ISRAEL IN TELECOM SECTOR
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether agreements have been signed between India and Israel in the telecommunication sector;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the grounds on the basis of which mutual understanding was arrived at between the two countries in the telecommunication sector?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI ASHOK PRADHAN)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) An Agreement between the Government of India and the Government of Israel was signed at the Ministerial level on 29-11-1994 for furthering cooperation in the fields of Posts & Telecommunications.

The Agreement was to be ratified in accordance with the legal procedures of the contracting parties, whereafter it would come into force from the date of exchange of the documents.

Accordingly, the Agreement was ratified by both the parties and came into force w.e.f. 9-11-1998.

(c) A Memorandum of Understanding between the Government of India and the Government of Israel on Economic co-operation was signed in New Delhi on 17-5-1993 during the visit of Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Government of Israel.

With the desire to promote and expand mutually beneficial co-operation in the fields of trade, economic and technical spheres, both the Governments agreed to encourage establishment of Joint Ventures and projects in various areas, where telecommunication was considered as one of the area.